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Tito is angry because of the Italian Government's handling of the Gorizia incidents in parliamentary discussions. His attitude is believed to result from the fact that although De Gasperi and Minister of the Interior Scelba discussed the incidents, neither deplored their occurrence.

2. Enrico Martino, Italian Minister to Yugoslavia, is said to have been surprised because immediately after the incidents took place Tito had expressed the view that they should not be played up.

3. In a conference with Martino after the Rome parliamentary discussion, Tito made three points:

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- (a) Relations between Italy and Yugoslavia are not good because Italy persists in a policy of war mongering;
- (b) Although a commercial agreement was drawn up five months ago, it has not yet gone into effect because the Italians have not ratified it;
- (c) The Yugoslavs accepted such a "hard and disadvantageous treaty" because they desired good relations with Italy.

4. The substance of the foregoing remarks was allegedly repeated to Martino in a subsequent talk with the Minister of Foreign Affairs who deplored Italy's evident desire to bring relations to a bellicose end.

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